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Hi Mike, we don't have a story as the remarks were brief
But our Jeff Mason tweeted the below. Welcome any thoughts if it
relates to something EPA is working on.
Best, Tim

Trump expresses frustration about water efficiency, says sinks don't have
enough pressure and people have to flush toilets multiple times. He says he
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Molly,

Please see the attached talking points related to this article. T **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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It's almost 2020, and 2 million Americans still don't have running water, according to new report

By [Frances Stead Sellers](#)

Dec. 11, 2019 at 6:00 a.m. EST

SWEETWATER, Navajo Nation — On a good day, when the breeze is up and Apache County's rutted red-clay roads are passable, Legena Wagner's family drives 45 minutes to fill water containers at a windmill pump. In the days that follow, Wagner dispenses their contents sparingly: half a cup for her 5-year-old to brush his teeth; a couple of pints, well heated, to wash dishes in the decorative enamel bowl on her kitchen table; and about 10 gallons, measured out to last a week, for bathing.

“Running water, it would be such a luxury,” Wagner said, pausing to describe how different her life would be if she didn’t have to trek outside, past the empty plastic buckets and the rooting pigs, to the outhouse with its majestic views across northeast Arizona’s snow-skimmed plateaus.

Wagner is one of more than 2 million Americans who do not have running water and sanitation, according to [“Closing the Water Access Gap in the United States.”](#) The report, released by two national nonprofit organizations last month, outlines stark, race-based inequalities: Native American households are 19 times as likely as white households to lack indoor plumbing; blacks and Latinos are twice as likely.

The disparities also reflect an urban-rural divide. While [the lead-contamination crisis in Flint, Mich.](#), highlighted the perils of aging infrastructure in the nation’s cities, rural communities face special challenges, often lacking the economies of scale to upgrade systems and the local expertise to operate them. The situation is so dire in parts of rural America that experts liken it to that in the developing world.

“The cultures are different, but the experiences are similar,” said Brett Gleitsmann, a water supply and sanitation engineer with the Rural Community Assistance Corp. who worked on projects in Africa and South Asia before coming to Native American lands. “Always people are hauling water — from a well, from a relative who has water or a public water station.”

The United States does not have a comprehensive means of tracking the number of people living without piped water, according to George McGraw, founder and CEO of the nonprofit DigDeep.

Harder still is to calculate how many people cannot afford water even if they can access it, said Radhika Fox, CEO of the U.S. Water Alliance, a policy-focused nonprofit group that partnered with DigDeep to produce the report.

“That number is much larger than 2 million,” she said.

The report was produced by collating federal data sets, including 2014 data collected by the U.S. Census Bureau’s annual American Community Survey, which asks a small representative sample of residents whether they have running water. DigDeep and the U.S. Water Alliance identified six communities with poor access to running water and wastewater services, including the Navajo Nation, and spent more than a year assessing how residents’ lives are affected.

In the Navajo Nation, the country’s largest Indian reservation, where water has long been held sacred, about one-third of the population of more than 300,000 does not have a tap or flushing toilet.

“Water is life,” the Navajo say. “Tó éí ííná.”

Its cultural importance echoes in the place names — Lake Valley, Whippoorwill Springs, Indian Wells.

Here in Sweetwater, or Tó likon, 15 miles south of U.S. 160 on largely dirt roads, the spring water was known for its bracing mineral taste.

“People couldn’t get enough of it,” Wagner said. But the springs no longer flow — one of several changes that residents of this drought-prone region attribute to [climate change](#) and environmental degradation.

The seeps that used to ooze up before daybreak to refresh grazing sheep and goats have disappeared. Rains that once sustained apricots, corn and squash have been replaced by occasional downpours that race through the empty creek beds. And the winter snows no longer cloak the high desert with the thick, moist blankets Wagner’s grandfather recalls.

Those who drive miles to windmills, often carrying matches and wood to light fires below the wells' frozen spigots, may draw water that is not safe. Many water sources across the Navajo Nation are marked with signs warning of contamination, some with naturally occurring toxins such as arsenic, some with uranium and other byproducts of the mining industry.

"A lot of people still drink from those wells," said Jordan Begaye, who had a summer job painting "For livestock use only" on them in red. That's despite extensive public education efforts, according to Yolanda Barney, environmental program manager for the Navajo Nation's Public Water System Supervision Program.

Wagner wonders whether the rare autoimmune disease she suffers from — adult-onset Stills disease — could have been caused by the water, and she now supplements her supplies with bottled water from a grocery store an hour away.

Efforts to bring clean water to remote households have been marked by ambitious aims and setbacks.

Federal funding for water infrastructure has dropped to about one-seventh of what it was in the 1970s after the passage of the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water acts, which established partnerships in which the federal government set national standards for water quality that the states were responsible for implementing. These days, the funding that is available is largely loan-based, requiring repayments that can be crippling for small communities.

The American Water Works Association estimates that maintaining and expanding the country's water systems will cost \$1 trillion over the next 25 years. The Indian Health Service has put a price tag of \$200 million for providing water and sanitation in the Navajo Nation.

The long-term underinvestment has come under new fire this year. In July, Sen. Kamala D. Harris (D-Calif.) introduced legislation that would plow nearly \$220 billion into safe drinking water programs, prioritizing at-risk communities. At last summer's Democratic primary debate in Detroit, an hour's drive from Flint, Sen. Amy Klobuchar (Minn.) touted her \$1 trillion infrastructure plan, which includes water among the country's many failing systems.

In a rare bipartisan move, both the House and Senate recently introduced legislation to establish pilot programs designed to assist low-income residents in paying for water and sewage in much the way they can receive assistance for food and heating oil.

"It's a very new concept," said Nathan Gardner-Andrews, chief advocacy officer for the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, who warned, "It is going to take a while."

That's because political wrangling is only the first step in a process that people here describe as frustratingly slow.

People have their hopes raised by big projects, said Cindy Howe, a longtime community leader who now works as a field operations manager for DigDeep.

"It all sounds so good," she said. "But will it happen?"

A giant blue pipe lies in sections alongside Route 491, part of a multimillion-dollar project to bring water from the San Juan River 280 miles south across the Navajo Nation to communities including Gallup, one of the biggest population centers, where groundwater levels have dropped about 200 feet in the past decade.

The project is designed to meet the needs of approximately 250,000 people by the year 2040, according to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. But many rural residents doubt it will help them, noting that it can be prohibitively expensive to bring water a few hundred yards from a major pipeline through rocky terrain

to an individual home. In the most remote areas, Gleitsmann said, “you might have to run a water line eight miles to two houses.”

Those problems are compounded by jurisdictional challenges.

In Teec Nos Pos, at one of the few remaining trading posts, owner John McCulloch described how one elderly woman refused for years to allow water pipes to cross her land. And farther south, in an area known as the Checkerboard, where tribal lands abut privately owned tracts as well as federal and state properties, the differing forms of ownership impede the installation of all kinds of infrastructure, including water pipes and roads.

On a frigid late-November morning, residents began trickling in from isolated homes in the Checkerboard to fill 55-gallon barrels with ice-cold water at the St. Bonaventure Indian Mission and School in Thoreau, N.M.

Across the parking lot, DigDeep has an office, stocked with supplies to provide households with a 1,200-gallon tank, a pump, a water heater and a single sink, deep enough to wash a baby. The nonprofit group installs about three of these systems each week, some powered by solar panels in traditional one-room hogans, others in kitchens that seem to be equipped with everything but a functioning faucet.

The nonprofit organization refills the tanks every month, providing about 40 gallons of water a day, less than 15 percent of the quantity used by the average American household.

Henry King, who lives five miles from the nearest asphalt road on land punctuated by pinyon pines and sagebrush, has been hauling water all his life, these days choosing among three public sources, each about 30 miles away.

He never believed the Clean Water Act would do much to benefit people like him, and doesn’t hold out much hope for future help from the federal government. The past, he said, is littered with betrayals and broken promises.

“Like water going downhill, it thins out, dries out before it gets to us,” he said.

So when King learned from a neighbor about DigDeep, he was eager to help bring a system into his sister’s house.

He oversaw the installation, reminiscing about trips by horse-drawn wagon with his parents to collect water from a canyon, until — whoosh! — water spluttered from the brand-new faucet in a small room adjacent to the kitchen.

King smiled. “I can wash my hair,” he said with a laugh, throwing off his cap and leaning forward to welcome in the gusher. “Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.”

Forty gallons of clean, warm water a day is a luxury Wagner dreams of.

But she also worries about water’s growing scarcity and is wary of the way some people come to misuse it. Of how, when they move away to cities, they grow careless with a life-giving resource that her ancestors revered.

“We must not waste it,” Wagner said.

“That’s how we live. It’s who we are.”

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Sent: Friday, December 6, 2019 2:52 PM

To: Gardner, Timothy (Reuters) <timothy.gardner@thomsonreuters.com>

Cc: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>

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Best,

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From: Hackel, Angela [Hackel.Angela@epa.gov]
Sent: 12/10/2019 3:39:14 PM
To: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
CC: Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Inquiry from CBS MoneyWatch

Will do!

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On Dec 10, 2019, at 10:32 AM, Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 9:25 AM
To: Hackel, Angela <Hackel.Angela@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Inquiry from CBS MoneyWatch

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Abboud?

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Subject: RE: Inquiry from CBS MoneyWatch

Hi Michael,

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How would you like me to proceed on this one?

Thanks,

Angela

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From: Hackel, Angela <Hackel.Angela@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2019 11:42 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Inquiry from CBS MoneyWatch

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thanks,

Angela

From: Rachel Layne <rachel_layne@emerson.edu> **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2019 11:38 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Inquiry from CBS MoneyWatch

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In the U.S., what percentage of toilets are the more efficient versus older, less efficient kind?

Thanks very much for any help you can give. My deadline is today.

Thanks,

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Message

From: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Sent: 12/9/2019 3:34:37 PM
To: Mears, Mary [Mears.Mary@epa.gov]; Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Hardware and building supply magazine question

Just let him know that's the accurate quote.

From: Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2019 10:34 AM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Hardware and building supply magazine question

Thank you, Corry. Would you like me to send this to the reporter, or does OPA prefer to do so?

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (cell)

From: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2019 10:29 AM
To: Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Hardware and building supply magazine question

This is still correct:

"EPA is working with all federal partners including the Department of Energy to review the implementation of the Federal Energy Management Plan and how it's relevant programs interact with it to ensure American consumers have more choice when purchasing water products," EPA spokesman Michael Abboud.

From: Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2019 10:25 AM
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Sent: Monday, December 9, 2019 10:20 AM
To: Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
Subject: Hardware and building supply magazine question

Hello Mary,

Regarding the quote,

"You turn on the faucet and you don't get any water. They take a shower and water comes dripping out. Just dripping out, very quietly dripping out," the President continued, lowering his voice as he spoke about the drips. "People are flushing toilets 10 times, 15 times, as opposed to once."

Is the EPA looking to make any changes to its Watersense program due to performance issues?

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Is that still accurate?

Thank you

Sincerely,

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Message

From: Gardner, Timothy (Reuters) [timothy.gardner@thomsonreuters.com]
Sent: 12/7/2019 12:38:46 AM
To: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
CC: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Here's the full Pres Trump quote on water

Thanks Mike

From: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2019 6:35 PM
To: Gardner, Timothy (Reuters) <timothy.gardner@thomsonreuters.com>
Cc: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Here's the full Pres Trump quote on water

Tim here you are.

"EPA is working with all federal partners including Department of Energy to review the implementation of the Federal Energy Management Plan and how it's relevant programs interact with it to ensure American consumers have more choice when purchasing water products." - Michael Abboud, EPA spokesman

Sent from my iPhone

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Message

From: Fritze, John [JFritze@usatoday.com]
Sent: 12/6/2019 11:37:11 PM
To: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: POTUS & flushes

Thanks!

John Fritze
USA TODAY

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On Dec 6, 2019, at 3:57 PM, Fritze, John <JFritze@usatoday.com> wrote:

Checking to see if you guys are saying anything and/or can offer any insight into what President Trump means when he said just now that the EPA is looking into this issue? Is there something specific under review here that EPA can point to?

See below, from the pool report from today's Roosevelt Room event:

The president then mentioned potential deregulatory efforts related to sinks, showers and toilets. He said EPA was looking at them. "We have a situation where we're looking very strongly at sinks and showers and other elements of bathrooms where you turn the faucet on in areas where there's tremendous amounts of water and the water rushes out to sea because you could never handle it. And you don't get any water; you turn on the faucet and you don't get any water." "People are flushing toilets 10 times, 15 times, as opposed to once. They end up using more water." "EPA is looking at that very strongly at my suggestion." Trump said we're "looking very seriously" at "opening up the standard." "We're looking at changing the standards very soon."

Thanks,

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Message

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Sent: 12/6/2019 8:06:40 PM
To: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
CC: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Clarification on President Trump saying EPA looking at water standards at his direction?
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

Hi Mike, we don't have a story as the remarks were brief
But our Jeff Mason tweeted the below. Welcome any thoughts if it
relates to something EPA is working on.
Best, Tim

Trump expresses frustration about water efficiency, says sinks don't have
enough pressure and people have to flush toilets multiple times. He says he
has directed the EPA to look at opening up water standards. It's called rain,
he says, referring to states with lots of water.

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Sent: 12/10/2019 3:54:03 PM
To: Rachel Layne [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Inquiry from CBS MoneyWatch

Hi Rachel,

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Thanks,

Angela

From: Hackel, Angela <Hackel.Angela@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2019 12:12 PM
To: Rachel Layne [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Inquiry from CBS MoneyWatch

Hi Rachel,

I am looking into this for you and I will get back to you as soon as I am able.

Thanks,

Angela

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Rachel Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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Message

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Sent: 12/9/2019 5:10:06 PM
To: Kenneth Clark [kclark@ensembleiq.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Plumbing article for HBSDealer magazine...

Hi Kenneth,

In regards to your inquiry below, the EPA provided statement is still valid.

Thanks,

Angela

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Message

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Sent: 12/9/2019 4:46:01 PM
To: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Inquiry from CBS MoneyWatch

Will do!

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Message

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Sent: 12/12/2019 9:14:36 PM
To: Hackel, Angela [Hackel.Angela@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Watersense--E&E News

Thanks, Angela.

Just so I'm clear, does that mean there is a second review of water-efficient projects happening outside of the Congressionally-mandated Watersense review?

Ariel

From: Hackel, Angela <Hackel.Angela@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2019 4:13 PM
To: Ariel Wittenberg <awittenberg@eenews.net>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Watersense--E&E News

Hi Ariel,

Please see our statement below.

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Thanks,

Angela

From: awittenberg@eenews.net <awittenberg@eenews.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2019 3:28 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Watersense--E&E News

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Thanks,

Ariel

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Sent: 12/12/2019 9:07:30 PM
To: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Watersense--E&E News

Ok, I will

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From: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2019 4:05 PM
To: Hackel, Angela <Hackel.Angela@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Watersense--E&E News

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To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
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From: Hackel, Angela [Hackel.Angela@epa.gov]
Sent: 12/11/2019 4:54:33 PM
To: Lesley Clark [lclark@eenews.net]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Question on President Trump's remarks on water flow

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From: Lesley Clark <lclark@eenews.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 11:26 AM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Question on President Trump's remarks on water flow

Good morning,

I'm writing on President Trump's complaints last week about low-flow faucets and toilets and his suggestion that EPA is looking "very strongly" at "opening up the standard." From what I understand, they date back to the 1992 Energy Policy Act which mandated water efficiency standards for nearly all toilets, urinals and showerheads. Is that something that the EPA is looking to revise?

Thanks for any help you can provide,

Lesley

Lesley Clark

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Thanks,

Angela

Please see our statement below.

"EPA is working with all federal partners including Department of Energy to review the implementation of the Federal Energy Management Plan and how it's relevant programs interact with it to ensure American consumers have more choice when purchasing water products." - Michael Abboud, EPA spokesman

Also, for further information please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/watersense>.

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Good morning,

I'm writing on President Trump's complaints last week about low-flow faucets and toilets and his suggestion that EPA is looking "very strongly" at "opening up the standard." From what I understand, they date back to the 1992 Energy Policy Act which mandated water efficiency standards for nearly all toilets, urinals and showerheads. Is that something that the EPA is looking to revise?

Thanks for any help you can provide,

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